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In re: Anton-Lewis Usala
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003, where the Examiner has requested election of a species for each of the following matrix components: gelatin, long chain carbohydrate, polar amino acid, nitric oxide inhibitor, and superoxide inhibitor. In response, Applicant elects denatured collagen as an exemplary gelatin component, dextran as an exemplary long chain carbohydrate, glutamic acid as an exemplary amino acid, cysteine as an exemplary nitric oxide inhibitor, and EDTA as an exemplary superoxide inhibitor. Claims 1-45 are readable on the elected species.

As noted in the Office Action, Applicant requests consideration of additional species upon the allowance of a generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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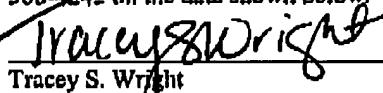


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